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# Office Action Summary

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-10 and 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 January 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

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### DETAILED ACTION

1. This Action is in response to Applicant's request for reconsideration filed on March 11, 2004. **Claims 3-14** are now pending in the present application. **This Action is made NON-FINAL.**

#### *Drawings*

2. The drawings are objected to because **figure 4** is included but has not described or even mentioned in the specification.

3. Applicant is **REQUIRED** to submit a proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings, an amendment to the specification, or arguments therefor in reply to this Office Action. If a response to the present Office Action fails to include one of the above-mentioned, the response can be held **NON-RESPONSIVE** and/or the application could be **ABANDONED** since the corrections to the drawings are no longer held in abeyance.

#### *Claim Objections*

4. **Claims 5 and 10** are objected to because of the following informalities:

a) On **line 5 of claim 5**, insert --and-- after "housing;"

b) On **line 16 of claim 5** and on **line 22 of claim 10**, insert --and-- after "position;" and

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c) On line 11 of **claim 10**, insert --and-- after “member;”.

Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office Action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

**Claims 5-7** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Inubushi et al.** (U.S. Patent # 5,109,539), newly cited.

Consider **claim 5**, Inubushi et al. clearly show and disclose a portable radio telephone (wireless communication) device (figures 4-6), comprising:

a housing 1 (figures 4 and 6 and column 1 lines 31-34);

a transceiver circuit disposed within said housing 1 (not shown but inherent since a telephone conversation can be carried out with the device) (column 1 lines 45-51);

an internal antenna 10 disposed within said housing 1 (figures 4 and 5 and column 1 lines 36-39); and

an external, retractable antenna 8 movably mounted on said internal antenna 10 and being movable between a retracted position and an extended position with respect thereto (clearly shown in the front view of figure 4 and the right side view of figure 5, and column 1 lines 33-39);

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said internal antenna 10 being in circuit with said transceiver circuit (inherent) when said external antenna 8 is in its said retracted position (column 1 lines 36-44);

said internal antenna 10 being out of circuit with said transceiver circuit (inherent) when said external antenna 8 is in its said extended position (column 1 lines 45-49);

said external antenna 8 being in circuit with said transceiver circuit (inherent) when in its said extended position (column 1 lines 45-49); and

said external antenna 8 being out of circuit with said transceiver circuit (inherent) when in its said retracted position (column 1 lines 36-44).

Consider **claim 6**, and **as applied to claim 5 above**, Inubushi et al. further show and disclose a change-over switch 11 (switching mechanism) (figure 5) that selectively connects either said external antenna 8 or said internal antenna 10 to said transceiver circuit (inherent) (column 1 lines 36-49).

Consider **claim 7**, and **as applied to claim 5 above**, Inubushi et al. also disclose that said internal and external antennas 10, 8 are electrically disconnected from one another at all times (figures 5 and 6 and column 1 lines 34-36 and 40-49).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office Action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35

U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

7. **Claims 3, 4, 8, and 9** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Inubushi et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,109,539)** in view of **Egashira (U.S. Patent # 4,862,182)**, both newly cited.

Consider **claims 3, 4, 8, and 9**, and as applied to **claims 5-7 above**, Inubushi et al. clearly show and disclose the claimed invention except a remote RF port, provided in said housing, which is mechanically connected to said internal antenna 10.

Egashira clearly shows and discloses a portable radiotelephone comprising, among other elements, a conductive tube 9 (remote RF port) (figures 1, 2a, and 2b), provided in the housing of said portable radiotelephone, which is mechanically connected to sub-antenna element 10 (internal antenna) to allow reception of call signals from calling parties (figures 1, 2a, and 2b and column 3 line 20 -1 column 4 line 19).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the conductive tube 9 (remote RF port) taught by Egashira

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into the device taught by Inubushi et al. for the purpose of enhancing the reception of calling signals.

8. **Claims 10, 12, and 13** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Inubushi et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,109,539)** in view of **well known prior art (MPEP 2144.03)**.

Consider **claim 10**, Inubushi et al. clearly show and disclose a portable radio telephone (wireless communication) device (figures 4-6), comprising:

a housing 1 including a front housing member and a back housing member, said front and back housing member having upper and lower ends (figures 4-6 and column 1 lines 31-34);

an internal antenna 10 positioned in said housing 1 adjacent said upper end of said back housing member (figures 4 and 5 and column 1 lines 36-39); and

an external, retractable antenna 8 movably mounted on said internal antenna 10 and being movable between a retracted position and an extended position with respect thereto (clearly shown in the front view of figure 4 and the right side view of figure 5, and column 1 lines 33-39);

said internal antenna 10 being in circuit with a transceiver circuit (inherent) when said external antenna 8 is in its said retracted position (column 1 lines 36-44);

said internal antenna 10 being out of circuit with said transceiver circuit (inherent) when said external antenna 8 is in its said extended position (column 1 lines 45-49);

said external antenna 8 being in circuit with said transceiver circuit (inherent) when in its said extended position (column 1 lines 45-49); and

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said external antenna 8 being out of circuit with said transceiver circuit (inherent) when in its said retracted position (column 1 lines 36-44).

However, Inubushi et al. do not specifically disclose that said transceiver circuit is in a printed circuit board (PCB) positioned in said housing 1 adjacent said front housing member.

Nonetheless, the Examiner takes Official Notice that it is notoriously well known in the art to place transceiver circuitry in a PCB positioned in a front portion of the housing of a wireless device for enhanced operation.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to slightly modify the device of Inubushi et al. with well known teachings in the art in order to place said transceiver circuit is in a printed circuit board (PCB) positioned in said housing 1 adjacent said front housing member for enhanced operation.

Consider **claim 12**, and **as applied to claim 10 above**, Inubushi et al. further show and disclose a change-over switch 11 (switching mechanism) (figure 5) that selectively connects either said external antenna 8 or said internal antenna 10 to said transceiver circuit (inherent) (column 1 lines 36-49).

Consider **claim 13**, and **as applied to claim 10 above**, Inubushi et al. also disclose that said internal and external antennas 10, 8 are electrically disconnected from one another at all times (figures 5 and 6 and column 1 lines 34-36 and 40-49).

9. **Claim 14** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Inubushi et al.** (U.S. Patent # 5,109,539) in view of well known prior art (MPEP 2144.03), as applied to



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**claim 10 above**, and further in view of **Egashira (U.S. Patent # 4,862,182)**, newly cited.

Consider **claim 14**, and **as applied to claim 10 above**, Inubushi et al., as modified above, clearly show and disclose the claimed invention except a remote RF port which is mechanically connected to said internal antenna 10.

Egashira clearly shows and discloses a portable radiotelephone comprising, among other elements, a conductive tube 9 (remote RF port) (figures 1, 2a, and 2b), provided in the housing of said portable radiotelephone, which is mechanically connected to sub-antenna element 10 (internal antenna) to allow reception of call signals from calling parties (figures 1, 2a, and 2b and column 3 line 20 -1 column 4 line 19).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the conductive tube 9 (remote RF port) taught by Egashira into the modified device taught by Inubushi et al. for the purpose of enhancing the reception of calling signals.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

10. **Claim 11** is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims as well as any corrections to the objections made above.

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***Response to Arguments***

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to **claims 3-14** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

12. Any response to this Office Action should be **faxed to (703) 872-9306 or mailed to:**

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Marsha D. Banks-Harold can be reached on (703) 305-4379. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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